## FEW OPENINGS FOR **NEW YORK BUSHERS**

Giants, Yanks and Robins Practically to Stand Pat on 1916 Players.

McGRAW LOOKING AHEAD

Many Players Taken South as Future Prospects-Robby Seeks a Catcher.

dee will be only a few prizes reded at the training camps of Pop serbocker's three ball teams, but they will be well worth striving for, as probably one if not two of the local clubs will figure in the next world's

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The managera of the three local clubs all are sinding pat. Metiraw, Donovan and Robinson all have veteran arrays. Medraw built up his club during the latter part of last season, largely on veteran stars purchased or procured in trades from other clubs—Herzog, Zimmerman, Sallee and McCarty—and with that combination stood the league on its ear last September, when the Giants clicked off their twenty-six straight games and established a new major league record. Naturally McGraw does not figure to tinker much with a club which sawed off twenty-six straight. A year ago the Yankee camp was full of experinents. After the most searching and systematic combing of the minor leagues ever attempted Donovan practically had the cream of the minor leagues to select from. That the scouts did their work well may be gleaned from the fact that Gilhocley, Walters, Mosridge, Alexander, Russell and Shocker passed all big league tests with honora, and Love, Hendryx, Miller, Piercy, Ross and Tipple still are regarded as bright possibilities. In addition to going into the minors the Yankees bought wisely from the Athletics and the Federal League, and Gedeon proved most valuable assets.

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This new blood welded to the survivors of the 1915 team—Pipp, High, Caldwell, Flaher. Nunamaker. Maisel and Baumann—formed a combination which had a comfortable lead in the strong American League in early August, when accidents stripped the club of all its stars and forced it was courth place. There is not a person an exceed with the club from Ruppert to the bat boy who does not think accidents deprived the club of a sure pennant. It is therefore not hard to see that Donovan will try again with his early 1916 lineup.

Brooklyn has a championship team. It is true the National League championship team was made to look rather sick when the Dodgers engaged in their little fraces with the Red Sox last fall, but they are champions of the oldest league in existence just the same. On the whole

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Beveral weeks ago the writer wrote the Glant youngsters would have plenty of opportunities, as the club had practically no substitutes. During the last month McGraw added veteran players for outfield and infield utility duty. The veteran Jack Murray, after a whiri around the International League, has been recalled to the colors and will act as first aid to Burns, Kauff and Robertson.

### Wagner to Sub in Infield.

To help Lobert substitute for the in and the Giants procured Joe Wagner, a local boy, from Cincinnati for the waiver price. Joe has been on and off the Reds for several years and is an Indian League veteran. He is not particularly strong at bat, but a pretty fielder. With Lobert, whose war contract has another year to run, he will form a reserve for the infield.

In the outfield Jim Thorpe will likely to Murray. Thorpe hit near 300 in the rican Association last year, and led the league in stolen bases. At any rate the Giants must keep the Indian now to the Giants must keep the Indian now of the last two years, and a player cannot be sent out on options a

It may therefore be asked. Why does SteGraw take forty-five players to camp, the largest army he has ever taken to Marlin? The answer is that the Giants are a team of veterans, and veteran teams often go fast. Neither is John J. too well satisfied with his pitching Sallee, Tesreau and Benton all

### Preparing for 1918,

McGraw is taking his big army South of for 1916 but for 1918 and 1919, herifore it behooves every youngster to new all he has. Several of the young lows can show something they will be back in the big show. Holke first went outh with the Giants in 1915, and when coraw needed him last fall he was Nineteen nitchers will be taken to

Marlin, though the men who will sur-vive are already known. Jim, Middleton. pitcher in the minors, is depended upon

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### Inter-Major League Training Dates

March 11—Brooklyn (N. L.) vs. Boston (A. L.), Davenport, Iowa.

April 2—Brooklyn (N. L.) vs. Boston (A. L.), Davenport, Iowa.

April 2—New York (N. L.) vs. Detroit (A. L.) Hot Springs.

March 17—Brooklyn (N. L.) vs. Boston
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March 18—Brooklyn (N. L.) vs. Boston
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March 28—Boston (N. L.) vs. New York
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pitcher in the minors, is depended upon for regular duty. The Glants paid a pretty price for his release, so he will be given every opportunity to show his worth. Middleton is not a spring chicken either. He is 27 years old. George Smith, the Columbia collegian, is the other young Glant pitcher who appears to have a big cureer in front of him. Smith got into a few games and acquitted himself nobly last season. Meaning much acquitted himself nobly last season. Meaning pitchers as Hoyt is only 17, and a year or two in the International League of Macon. Hoyt is only 17, and a year or two in the International League him into a full fedged major.

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# Major League Training Season Opens To-morrow

### By SHORTSTOP.

After a busy winter of strikes and Daytona, and from then on good things rumors of strikes the training season is started to come his way. Despite a poor again upon us. To-morrow in three points start, the 1915 Dodgers finished third as wide as the breath of the nation—the first Brooklyn team to finish in the Macon, Ga.; Marlin, Tex., and Pasafirst division in thirteen years, and the dena. Cat—the ball players of the Yan-next year the club won its first pennant kees, Giants and Cubs, respectively, will in sixteen years. This spring the Dodg-start to take the kinks out of their arms ers return to Hot Springs as the first preparation for the 1917. Strangely enough, the year the Brooklyns decided to return to Hot Springs th

PETE KILDUFF.

season.

Within the next week or ten days about 500 big league players and aspirants for big league honors will be busy at work all through the South getting in fighting trim for the big league marathons which open on April 11.

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The start of the training season is especially interesting to the fans of the greater city because their hopes run higher than for many years. In no year since 1994 were the possibilities of an all-Manhattan world's series as bright as they are for 1917. The average Giant fan is as sure the Giants will win the pennant as he is that the Woodworth Building is higher than the old. City Hall, and no bona fide Vankee rooter doubts that the club would have won its first championship last season is champed a switch in order to try to change the club's luck. Manager Jimmy Callahan thereupon selected Columbus. Ga.

Washington gives up its joke training camp at Charlottesville, Va. and will pitch its training camp at Augusta, won its first championship last season. Ga. It is the first time the club has

the club.

Over in Brooklyn the fans have their there that it has retarded any kind of first champlonship team in almost a gineration, and Flatbush fans naturally are were snowed in. In that spring they

other teams to catch up. It is hard for to note that the twice world's champion Red Sox team was one of the last teams to reach its training camp last spring.

Both Managers McGraw and Donovan of the New York teams favor an early start. McGraw always likes a fortnight to look over his youngsters, though this season he will have close.

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ams, though the litter State will have all over the former in the class of ana, while Arkaneas gets the champions of the two lengties, the Red Sox and Dodgers. California will pay its re-spects to Weeghman's Cubs.

PITCHER (GIANTS)

### Men Who Will Train With Local Clubs

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### By CROSS COUNTER.

lighting his way steadily to the top. Gulatto is a sturdy looking youngster. He has a pair of piercing black eyes that

I will build a gymnasium of my own in New Orleans. Perhaps I shall have a bar or a restaurant on the first floor. want a place of my own because I think I can make it pay."

### \* A Regulation Ignored.

Ninety per cent, of the disputes be tween clubs, inanagers and boxers have been due to the fact that one of the best rules ever devised under the Frawley law has been habitually violated by all concerned, and that the members of the umission have not seen fit to enforce This rule is as follows:

's. All clubs and contestants must enter into written contracts, which con-tracts shall be executed in triplicate, each party holding one, the third copy to be mailed to the commission immediately

upon execution."

Had this rule been strictly enforced, as it should have been the farcical Dilas it should have been, the farcical pri-lon-McCov squabble would have been avoided and the public sparsed the recital of the slipshod manner in which sup-ther the business men conduct boxing affairs. Chaliman Wenck declares that he has argid promoters to execute contracts and file a copy with the commission. The excuse is not sufficient, for the commission has an effective remission that the limit of the limit edy for the laxity on the part of the pro-

If the commission called off one bout in which the promoter failed to submit a contract to the commission there would be no further violations of the rule.

### Boxing Bills Killed.

The injurious effect of the unsavory charges against boxing management in New York State is shown in the action on bills recently introduced in the Legislatures of other States providing for laws similar to the Frawley enactment.

In Texas and Indiana bills were rejected. In Indiana the House failed to tass the bill and apolicy vote was taken. pass the bill and another vote was taken Although not enough votes were cast to kill the measure, a double motion to reonsider the vote and then lay the mo tion to reconsider on the table was car-ried, making it impossible to call the bill

George Chip thinks he has performed the Lone Star State's borders. Georgia and Florida will each entertain three teams. The Yankees, Washingtons and the George Chip thinks he has performed a feat that should entitle him to another meeting with Les Darcy. The Newcastle thumber has decisively beginning the George Chip thinks he has performed and Florida.

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Brown fell into a clinch and managed to weather the round. He stalled through the next two and in the last Chip had him all but knocked out, the hell saving jumper, went on record as saying the landed that he would up to the

### Portune for Jess. If the report from Chicago anent an

Harry Greb, a Pittsburg middleweight, recently boxed six rounds with Mike Gibbons in Philadelphia, and because he was not siaughtered by the Ghost, is now convinced he can beat Gibbons in a longer contest. Greb will doubtless be a saider and wiser man if he has his way. He is not the first longer who has his were genuine. Manager William Andrew Market Medical Market Market

> ern heavyweight, are charging Jim Flynn with scoring a knockout in the first round by hitting on the handshake. It is difficult to believe that the is difficult to believe that the fireman but could be beaten to a two would be guilty of such a caper, as he man, which proved correct in that always shown fairness, albeit rough

and it has been suggested that the boxer should be electror-uted at the very least. However, when a baseball player strikes an umpire it is usually discovered that there were extenuating circumstances. In fact actions that are little less than fiendish in a boxer are set down to excitement or hot temper in athletes in other branches of sport.

Mike threw up his hards when he home in 1.55 4.5. Then kir ask for each than the five nearly severed Mike.

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"Gee! exclaimed Charlet almost swear I was formerly than 2.05.

# FROM BOOTBLACK TO TOM CONNEFF GONE BOXING CHAMPION BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Pete Herman, Born Gulatto, Lyons, Who Often Paced Great Athlete, Writes of His

Wonderful Running.

RULES VIOLATED HERE 3-4 MILE RECORD STANDS

When Peter Gulatto was a bootblack in New Orleans he possibly had no expectation of ever becoming the bantam champion of the world. But to-day he holds the title under the name of Pete time runner to shatter is Tommy Conneff's three-quarter mile record of Herman.

Like many of the sturdy sons of "Sunny It" he began life in a shoe shining parlor. He brightened the future of many a dull pair of brogans, but at the age of 15 he reached the conclusion that he might become terribly honest.

Tailord for three-quarter mile record of 3:02 4-5, made at Travers Island August 21, 1895. The one man who looked to have the rosiest chance of shattering it. John Paul Jones, long since has retired from athletics. Jones could step a half in 1:54 and did 4:14 2-5 for the mile three-quarter mile record of any or the story of the

the age of 18 he reached the conclusion that he might become terribly honest, but never rich, in his chosen profession. Whereupon he became a fighter and struggled all the harder to collect the living this world owes even to a boy only 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighing only 118 pounds. His collections have been good.

Herman was 21 years old February 17, and he was born at New Orleans. After he had whipped all the bellhops and bootblacks at a hotel where he worked, he entered the ring four years ago as an unpaid entertainer in a benefit boxing show. He has been at it ever since, lighting his way steadily to the ton. say of Conneff and other old time cham-pions. Harry writes;

Gulatto is a sturdy looking youngster. He has a pair of piercing black eyes that syarkle and enap like danger signals to the boy who encounters him in a ring. He takes no interest in the international complications with Germany, is noncommittal on the subject of universal military training and neither chews, smokes nor drinks. But he's a keen devotee of the greatest American sport—"chasing the almighty fron man."

Soon as I get a little money together I will build a gymnasium of my own in I was one of the starters that afternoon along with Charlle Kilpatrick, in those days the Charlie Kilpatrick, in those days the prince of half milers, to help pull Tomm; through. I never finished, as that was: my distance. Kilpatrick was about thirty yards in the rear and had to be helped off the field when he struggled to the finish, while Tommy walked to the boathouse for his rubdown.

### Tommy's Wonderful Endurance.

"We all remarked what a pity it was that the original programme didn't call for a mile trial instead of the three-quarter, as on that day the record for the mile without question would have been 4:10 or better instead of 4:15 3-5, which he made the following week on the same Travers Island track.

"To give an idea of Tommy's wonder-ful endurance, let us go back to the in-ternational games in 1895. He won the mile and three mile, which was expected, but it wasn't expected he would have to reverse the usual order of a record holder by running the first half of the mile in 2.15 on account of poor pare making and the second half in 2.25. What he would have accomplished mile that warm day, trained to the hours as he was through the efforts of dear all Mike Murphy, if he was properly pass no one knows. "All you sporting writers talk of

records, his wonderful running and he championships, but in all the accounts I've read to date I fail to note any combe no further violations of the rule.

It is true that the Wisconsin Commission holds as binding on all parties to a match the acceptance by word of mouth, in presence of witnesses, or by wire or mail of terms offered by a promoter, but the only safe way is the signed contract.

Boxing Bills killed.

To many was in when Count Giannin took hold of him one day in March of that same year to get him ready for the internationals when he showed up in the sym of the old Fifty-fifth street clubhouse. Tommy won English and Irish chainplonships, I believe, in 1887, and for about two years previous to 25 be hadn't had a running shee on When Cheminal took hold of him one day in March of that seminated the physical condition that ment on the physical condition that a match the acceptance by word of mouth, in presence of witnesses, or by wire or both the physical condition that the physical conditio had a running shoe on. When Gianning took him in charge he was a wreck, no having had a square meal for months and, where he stayed till the intermstionals were concluded.

### Anent Mike Sweener.

"I merely mention all this to me p prove what a running market is wallf the man had taken proper care himself even in the ordinary walks of a feat that should entitle him to another a feat that should entitle him to another meeting with Les Darcy. The Newcastle thumper has decisively beaten the Greek tances above the three-quarter that K.O. Brown, the man who remained in would compare with his three-quarter mile record, which still stands and his mile record, which still stands and his a perpendicular position throughout two twenty round bouts with the Australian champion in Sydney. Chip recently met Brown at Youngstown, Ohio, in a bout scheduled for twelve rounds and the Greek was on the verge of a knockout in the twelfth, but was saved by the bell.

The turning point came in the ninth round when Chip staggered Brown with a right uppercut to the clin and right there he won the fight. sistency is worth repeating "When the English team arrand

this country to take part in the later tionals Williamson, their nest he landed that he would so to Pole to see any one was could 6 feet 5 inches. Mike rescuit. If the report from Chicago anent an offer said to have been made to Willard by Grant Hugh Browne is reliable, then it is the champion mancial inducement to a pugilist. Here are the details wafted on the wings of a fresh breeze straight from the shores of Lake Michigan:

The first \$50,000 that comes into the box office.

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